



St Mary of the Cross Catholic Parish

EMBODYING CHRIST'S LOVE

Parish Vision Statement:

*We are a faith community who gather to praise and worship God.
We express Christ's presence among us by reaching out to those in need
with Christ's message of love and forgiveness and the promise of justice and hope for all.*

29th Ordinary Sunday – 18th October 2020

Our readings for this week are **ISAIAH 45: 1, 4-6; 1 THESSALONIANS 1: 1-5; MATTHEW 22: 15-21**

PARISH CHURCHES:

St Brigid's,
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Gospel Reflection:

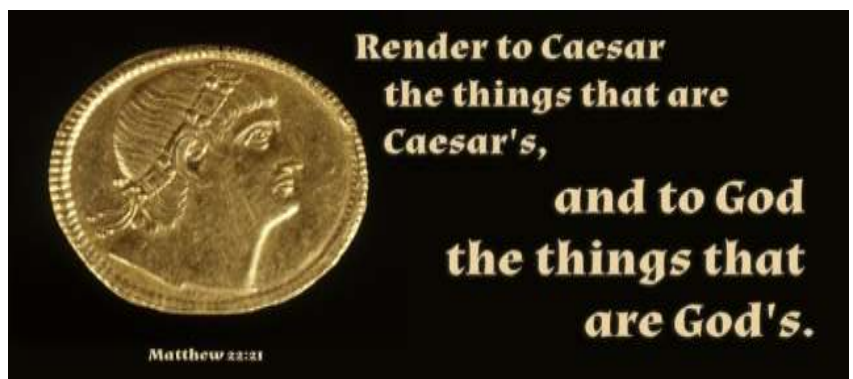
They handed him a denarius, and he said, 'Whose head is this? Whose name?' 'Caesar's' they replied. He then said to them, 'Very well, give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar – and to God what belongs to God.'



Where is our allegiance as we live our lives in our postmodern world? It is a difficult dimension of our lives today. We only need to go back to our parents or grandparents generation to see a pre-modern society whereby religion, predominately Christian in the Western world, permeated everyone's lives. There was no escaping a Christian society. Holidays based on the Christian calendar. Everyone was of the faith and life was focused on faith. Sundays were for attending church services, no work or sport on Sundays etc. There was a level of acceptance of a Christian life lived out every day by the community.

Yet our modern western world is vastly different today. Life goes on but faith and religion is not as widespread. Our faith may be reduced to just one part of our compartmentalized lives like our time to work, sleep, exercise, socialize etc. but when Jesus challenges the authorities in the Gospel, he challenges us. Do we put God at the centre of our lives and live everything out from there? Are all our decisions and way of life Christocentric? Do we operate from a Christ centred heart 24/7? This is the bar that we have set for ourselves by saying Amen. This is our ongoing challenge in a world where we are obliged to honour our government with our taxes but we honour our God with our hearts.

Fr Andrew



Matthew 22:21

NEXT SUNDAY- 24th & 25th October 2020

Next Sunday is the Thirtieth Sunday of Ordinary Time in Year A: Our readings for next week are: **EXODUS 22: 20-26; 1 THESSALONIANS 1: 5-10; MATTHEW 22: 34-40**



Pastoral Letter to Parishioners

Dear Parishioners,

16th October 2020

“Give to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God.” Jesus gives the bottom line in his encounter with the authorities in this weekend’s gospel. Speaking of allegiance and loyalty, can I again thank you for your continued paying of church taxes, well not taxes, more your generous donations through the stewardship program. With the combination of the Government support and your thanksgiving, the parish is able to “keep its head above water”.

We await the road map forward out of stage 4 restriction in the Melbourne area. I hope that places of worship will be allowed to be open without discrimination. If you would like to be part of an online petition regarding this issue. Check the newsletter for details or [click here](#).

Many could not attend the Healing and Hope liturgy during the week but the recording is now on the parish website for you to watch and use as prayer. Our next online prayer service will be the Memorial Service on the 4th November as part of our remembering during the month of November. Many of you have submitted names to have inscribed in the memorial book but if you have any new names, please email the office with the name.

Speaking about all things online, our online auction is live this weekend up until Sunday 18th October 5pm. Have a look at the 60 items and put in a bid. All funds go to BASP.

And finally happy anniversary to our Patron saint St. Mary of the Cross. She has been a saint for 10 years on the 17th of October. She is doing well!!!

[Sr. Mary Cresp offers a reflection on this 10th anniversary of canonisation.](#)

Shalom,

St. Mary of the Cross.... pray for us. St. Brigid.... pray for us.
St. Louis.... pray for us.

Fr. Andrew

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Parish News:

Child Safeguarding: As another step towards ensuring we are compliant with all the Child Safety guidelines all volunteers in the Parish will be asked to read and sign our Parish's **Child Safeguarding Code of Conduct**. *Some volunteers may have already received this via email.*



Signing the Code of Conduct is part of our ongoing Child Safeguarding Training and is a simple way to make sure that everyone understands what type of behaviour is expected by everyone in our Parish.

Child Safety is everyone's responsibility. *Our Parish is committed to the care, wellbeing and protection of children, and vulnerable people in our community*

We would like EVERYONE in the Parish (*not just the volunteers*) to be aware of our **Code of Conduct**. There is even a child friendly version so our younger parishioners are also encouraged to respond. You can read our Code of Conduct on our Parish website.

Please sign and return the declaration so that the Parish can record who has read and supports our Code of Conduct and our efforts to make our Parish a 'Child Safe' environment.

Copies of the Code of Conduct are also available on the Church Doors near the Bulletins.

If you have any questions please contact one of our Child Safeguarding Committee:

Fr Andrew Jekot, Trish Angliss, Carmel Barker, Ann Brennan, Louise Breslin, Judy Dickinson, Susan Dornom, Joanne Partleton, Deb Poynton, Robyn Worsnop



JAG News: Our Justice Action Group (JAG) is holding a Silent (online) Auction to raise funds for Brigidine Asylum Seekers Project.



JAG's SILENT ONLINE AUCTION for BASP

BIDS CLOSE AT 5PM ON THIS SUNDAY 18TH OCTOBER

Go to our Parish website to view and bid on the items or to make a donation

Contact: **Maree** on **0407 376 505** or mareemorris959.mm@gmail.com

'Let Them Know We Care' Letter Writing Campaign: Our Parish Justice Action Group (JAG) along with **BASP** (Brigidine Asylum Seekers Project) invite you to join them in writing letters to relevant MPs expressing concern at the Federal Government's decision to remove income support from refugees seeking asylum. **Let them know we care**



If you would like to help and would like more info including sample letters plus names and addresses for MPs go to our Parish website www.cam.org.au/mordiallocaspendale or contact **Berna Wake** **0487 765 631** berna.wake@cam.org.au



Scripture & Friendship Group: are now meeting fortnightly

with their next meeting on this **Thursday 22nd October** at **10am**. All welcome.

Go to: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82363841283> (*password: 3195*)

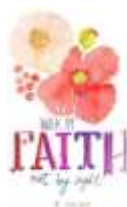
St Mary of the Cross Prayer Group: encourages everyone to find time to pray the Rosary in your own home during the month of October – the month of the Rosary.



Prayer Time (via Zoom): with Bernadette Carr is on **Tuesdays at 11am**.

All welcome. Go to: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84762497666> (*password: 3195*)

Healing & Hope Service: If you missed last week's service you can now view it via a link on our Parish website.



World Community Day of Prayer: will be held online on **Friday 30th Oct.**

For info go to the Australian Church Women's website: www.acw.org.au



CORONAVIRUS ADVICE: ALL MASSES HAVE BEEN CANCELLED.

BOTH OUR CHURCHES AND PARISH OFFICE ARE NOW CLOSED.

All staff are working from home. Phone calls and emails are still being attended to.

Don't forget to keep checking our Parish website www.cam.org.au/mordiallocaspendale for Fr Andrew's YouTube Masses, Weekly Bulletins and lots of other up to date information.

28th Ordinary Sunday – Year A:

Recently Deceased: Hazel Archer (Mordialloc), Gwen Dundon (Aspendale)
Maria George (Pastoral Associate)

Anniversaries: Cathy Dellie, John Fawaz, Giuseppina Giuliano, Fr Roger Ryan, Florette Dunn, Eileen Ford, Vivienne Meehan, Peg Murphy, Aileen Osborne, Sergio Bertolini, Esme Melder Francis, Zennath Lobo, Charles & Catherine Sterling, Ivy Woodwiss, May Vaz, Beverley Cresswell, Feliciana Maranon, Gregory Murphy, Bill O'Dwyer, Raymond Cruickshank, Maria Tuagalu, Estakee Baretto, Joseph Fernandez, Severino Lacson, Jose Luis Assiego, Marie Bateman, Robert Bruce, Josip Bubica, Scott Close, Enrique Madrid Flores, Mary Laws, John O'Sullivan, Bob Wilson, Maureen Jackson, Clifford Jambu, Ivan Baptist, Bill Fergus, John Lazaro, Rosie Mendonça.

Healing Prayers Asked For: Tony Del Prete, Soula Paliouris, Michelle Barclay, Rye Johnson, Valerie Kilpatrick, Sr Helen Reed, Sheila Dawson, Lilah & Salvatore (Sam) Finocchiaro, Peter Spencer, Rebecca Walker, Alma Brennan, Graham Owen, Jean Phillips, John McFall, Helen Pedrazzini.

(If you know of anyone who needs prayers please contact the Parish Office.)

Parish News:

Mission Sunday: This week we focus on the work of Catholic Mission with the theme 'For the Joy of the Lord is Your Strength' and highlighting the task of empowering people with disability in Cambodia. Go to www.catholicmission.org.au to view videos and for details on how to support this special work.

Donation envelopes are also available from the Church doors near the Bulletins.



Memorial Book: Next month is November which is the month of Holy Souls when we remember our family and friends who have died. The special Memorial Book will be present at each Mass this month with all the names of parishioners who have died this year as well as family and friends we would like to remember. If you would like to add any names to this Memorial Book please contact the Parish Office. These names will then also be automatically listed in the Parish Bulletin on the anniversary of their death.



Memorial Liturgy: You are invited to join us (via Zoom) for this special liturgy at **11am on Wednesday 4th November** to remember and honour those who have died. This will be particularly special as this year we have not been able to attend the funerals of those who have died so please share this invitation with family and friends.

Stewardship Envelopes and receipts are currently being delivered. If you would like to join our Stewardship Program please contact the Parish Office.



Petition: You are invited to sign an ongoing petition for the opening up of worship centres is supporting the Catholic Bishops of Victoria's letter to the Premier of Victoria. [Click here to read the letter](#)

To sign the petition go to <https://www.equalityforfaith.com.au/>